

PATRICK HENRY AND SARAH ELIZABETH PARCELL McGUIRE

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Patrick Henry Maguire (changed to McGuire) was a staunch Catholic. His parents emigrated to Canada in 1847. His mother died in August, 1847. The father remarried and his second wife died. He remarried again. There were children from each marriage. Bernard passed away in July, 1881.

Patrick's father was a blacksmith and wanted him to learn the trade also, but Patrick wasn't interested in that work. So at the age of 19 years he came to the United States. For awhile he was in charge of supplies during the Civil War, although the place or how long is not known. Afterward followed a period of working on cattle ranches in Wyoming, helping build railroads into the West and working in logging camps, where logs were cut and floated down the rivers to sawmills.

With friends, Patrick came to Salt Lake July 9, 1872, after the railroad was built. He had heard a lot about the Mormon people so he started to study and investigate. He met and stayed with Lucius W. Peck in Salt Lake City for some time, going to school to study bookkeeping and shorthand and take a course to be able to teach. He was bap-

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tized January 1, 1873, by Mr. Peck and confirmed by A. H. Rawleigh and ordained an Elder by William J. Smith.

From Salt Lake he went to Wallburg with a friend and got a job teaching school. Here he met Sarah Elizabeth Parcell. Sarah's cousin, Lizzie Webb, was married the same day to Earl Jacklin's grandfather.

Patrick and Lizzie, as she was called by her friends, lived for awhile in Wallburg and then went to Washington, in southern Utah, to live. There he worked as a bookkeeper for the Cotton Mills Co., where both woolen and locally grown cotton goods were manufactured. He built a new home, in which a Mr. Kerby from Wallburg built a fine fireplace and mantel and painted the house nicely while he and his wife stayed with the McGuires and worked in the St. George Temple.

People often stayed with the McGuires after the long three-week trip by team and wagon to do work in the temple. These travelers carried a large barrel of water fastened to the side of the wagon, to have water for camp use and the horses.

Patrick and Lizzie tried to live the United Order at Orderville, but this undertaking did not turn out satisfactorily. Patrick got nothing at all for all his work and had to find work elsewhere to get food for winter.

Patrick came back from Washington in 1883 and went into the sawmill business with Dan Bigelow. Later he bought the mill and moved it up Daniels Canyon to a site that was named McGuire Canyon for him. He stayed there a few years. One year the family spent the winter there. Levi Montgomery and Henry McMullin, who were working there, went home for Christmas. On their return they were caught in a snowslide which covered the horses, but the men escaped. Indians always bothered around and wanted firewater. Lizzie and the children feared them.

From McGuire Canyon, the mill was moved to Soapstone and was there a number of years. One summer a forest fire raged around them. Men from nearby mills came to fight it, to save the mill and cabins. They took the children and hired girl and household supplies to a swampy place between two creeks where they stayed till the fire was extinguished. Burning pine knots shot across the canyon starting new fires. During the summer months Lizzie gathered

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wild raspberries near the mills, which she preserved for winter use.

One summer about 1887, when Patrick was going up along the Provo River with a wagon load of supplies, the neckyoke broke. He was trying to repair it with a piece of wire, which broke as he was pulling as hard as possible and his fist came back into his face with such force, a knuckle caused his eyeball to burst. Lizzie doctored it as well as she could for a week, then he had to be taken to Salt Lake to have the eye removed.

The family lived at the mill in the summer while getting out lumber to sell in Park City, then in a log cabin on the homestead in Buysville in the winter. In 1895 a new brick house was built on the farm. Finally the sawmill was sold and Patrick and the family spent their time developing the farm.

Daniels Creek was a branch of Center Creek Ward and Patrick was the presiding Elder. On November 12, 1898, Daniels Creek became a ward and Patrick was ordained a High Priest by Francis M. Lyman and made bishop of the ward. He served till 1903.

In 1903, Daniels Creek and Buysville Wards were joined and Patrick was made bishop of the new ward, where he served till 1916. He was county assessor from about 1899 to 1910. He was secretary of the Willow Creek Canal Company from 1892 to 1895 inclusive and also in 1902. He served as secretary in the Strawberry Canal Company from August 1893 to March 1902. He taught school in the Daniel Creek Ward.

He was also instrumental, with others, in getting a culinary pipeline installed during 1903 to 1910. He made a trip to Ireland in 1907 and returned on a mission in October 1910, but age and ill health caused him to return in 1911. He worked to get the Social Hall built in 1908 and 1909 so the ward could hold church and social functions there instead of in the old school house. He was instrumental in getting telephone service here in 1908 and sponsored putting the electric line out here in 1923. The lights were turned on in January 1924.

The old two-story brick home was torn down and rebuilt in 1915. Tessie hired a Mr. Gibbs to do the brick building. Tessie and Ernest took care of their parents in their declining years and Ernest took care of his father in his last illness. They were the parents of: John Parcell, Patrick Henry,

Annie, Edna, Tessie, Francis Preston, Bernard, Lewis Curtis, Ada, Orson and Ernest.

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John Price, Magie Casper, Rachel Penfold, Bill Price,
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—Submitted by Dean Casper
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NATHAN CHATMOND SPRINGER AND MATILDA ROBEY SPRINGER



Nathan Chatmond Springer, son of John Springer and Eliza Manchester Springer, was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts, June 26, 1843. His parents had sixteen children, eight sons and eight daughters, fourteen of whom grew to full maturity and raised families. Nathan was the fifteenth child of his parents.

While he was still a young lad he went to sea as a cabin boy on board the whaling ship "Charles W. Stewart," of which his brother, Cornelius Springer, was captain. He followed the sea for a number of years, and became quartermaster of "The Dupont." His brother Cornelius was commander of this ship.

In the early spring of 1863, he, with a companion, Pete Clays, went to Buffalo, New York. While there they met a company of immigrants who were preparing to go west to California. The two young men were fired with enthusiasm for such an adventure, and volunteered to join the company as teamsters. Neither of them knew anything about horses, but their offer was accepted and they came west as teamsters of a freight train bound for the Pacific Coast. They reached Salt Lake in the late summer of 1863. They liked Utah and decided to stay in Salt Lake City rather than go on. They secured employment at a lumber camp in Big Cottonwood.

In 1865 Nathan met and married Hannah Anderson. She died in Mill Creek in September 1866 when her first baby, a little girl, was ten days old. Little Hannah lived

and was raised by Mr. and Mrs. George Norville of North Ogden. They had no children of their own, and brought Hannah up with loving care. She married Albert Toone and spent her life in North Ogden. They had nine children: Albert, Jr., Edward, George, Annie, Glen, Rose, Ellen, Blanche and Mabel.

On November 2, 1867, Nathan married Matilda Robey, the daughter of Jeremiah Robey and Ruth Tucker Robey. She was born December 13, 1849 at Honey Creek, Iowa. They were married by George Q. Cannon in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City. They had eight children: Emily Matilda, married Henry T. Coleman; Lalla Ruth, married Charles Alexander; Ellen Melissa, married Carson Smith; Nathan Chatmond, Jr., married Annie Lewis Carroll; Franklyn Theophilus, died in youth; Jeremiah Robey, married Lydia Bigler; Ida May and Lethe Belle, died in youth.

Mr. and Mrs. Springer made their home in Midway. During the summer of 1868 Mr. Springer worked at the saw mill in Snake Creek, which was owned by Henry Coleman, Sr. He served as a guard in the Black Hawk War. He later turned his interest to mining. He was a contractor, and was superintendent of various mines in the Park City and Alta Districts. He was interested also in the Snake Creek and Deep Creek mining projects.

In the fall of 1886, he went to Mexico where he had been offered a position as superintendent of a group of mines. He took his young son Jerry with him. While he was in Mexico he was invited to visit his brother Franklyn Springer in Bluefield, Nicaragua, Central America. His brother wanted Nathan to become interested in a banana plantation which he owned. Nathan made two trips to Bluefield. While there on the second visit, he was drowned when the boat in which he and two companions were fishing was overturned by a sudden squall. His death occurred November 16, 1888. His young son Jerry was accompanied home by his cousin Henry Springer, son of Franklyn Springer.

Matilda Robey was nine years old when her parents moved from Provo to Provo Valley, settling in the Lower Settlement. They were among the first pioneers to come to what is now Midway in 1859. She was the youngest child of her parents. She was dainty and pretty and adored by her family.



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She took again, joyfully, up to the lovely hills. Gray and Matilda took with them a young son, a nephew, a son-in-law, and a daughter, and together they went to visit and listen to national shows.

It was during one of these visits that Gray and Matilda met a young couple, Nathan and Spring, who had left the name New River, home for California and the hills of the States, and now in the hills to get and get on. Nathan and Spring had moved to the hills and the hills had moved to the mountains. He lifted the young couple and they went to the hills. After visiting Matilda and her family, they went to the hills.

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Nathan went into the mining business. When he and Matilda had been married for 17 years and had eight children, Nathan went to Mexico and while visiting his brother, Franklin, in Nicaragua, drowned.

It was indeed a sad day for Matilda and her family when they received the letter, which in back telling of the husband and father's death. Nathan had been a good provider and although Matilda was left with eight children to care for and raise, with careful planning six and her children never were in want. Matilda was only thirty-five years of age when she was left a widow.

During a terrible epidemic of the typhoid fever, Matilda's family was stricken. Her May, Leslie, and her two young sons, and Franklin, all died.

One by one the rest of her family died, and Matilda was left alone. A year later her oldest child, Frank, was married. Matilda was alone. The rest of her family was a great sorrow and loss to Matilda, but her mother had been "silly and strongly" to her as she curled on her death in a widow. Her father, Jeremiah Robey, now came to make his home with her.

They were happy in each other's company. Matilda cared for her father faithfully and lovingly until his death at the age of ninety-five years.

Matilda was always an independent person. Although her children would have loved to have had her live with them in their homes she was happy and content to live by herself in her lovely old home of eight rooms.

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could sing and they played the lovely old organ with its organ. She had a wonderful memory of the fact for she was a great reader. Her children never tired of her telling them the stories of the Indians and the early days and trials of the States. Of their love and devotion to their Church.

She always had her testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel. She had the record of her life. Her story was told to her than any other living in Midway. She had a wonderful endurance record too. Unusually healthy for her age, she could always see her in Church on Sunday.

She never had illness and her hearing was very good for her age. On her ninety-first birthday her granddaughter, Marie Cole, was born. She was the first child of her family.

At the age of 91 she suffered a slight stroke, but recovered enough to wait on herself, although it was necessary for her to live with her daughter, Emily. She died two and a half years later, April 30, 1941, and was buried in the Midway Cemetery.

OTHER MARRIAGES

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